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TEN CENTS A WEEK

SCHOOLS WILL NOT OPEN AS EXPECTED

Fever Situation at New Orleans
Continues Favorable.

MANY CASES IN PENSACOLA

The Authorities of the Florida City
Thought They Had Plague Under
Control When It Broke Out Afresh.
Other News About Fever.

Total cases to date—2,240.
Deaths today—1.
Total deaths—309.

New Orleans, Sept. 11.—Early morning reports cannot always be taken as a guide to the probable total of new cases and deaths at the end of the day but today's indications were nevertheless favorable to a considerable shrinkage of the number of new cases.

Though the weather is mild any increase in the number of cases lengthens the probable time within which the fever will be entirely eradicated and that is the only source of disappointment when there is an excess of cases over the day before.

This is the last day on which to obtain permits to enter any of the detention camps. Those who get permits today must be in the camps tomorrow because they are to be kept open for only six days longer.

Among the railroad men opinion is divided as to the advantage of closing the camps, some believing the effect will be to increase and others to decrease travel.

Complaints continue to be made to President Gouchon, on whose treatment of persons with Marine hospital certificates. They are refused permission to enter some towns in Louisiana and bad faith is charged.

The weather today was warm and clear.

Will Not Open Public Schools.

Although the health authorities here made it known that there would be no objections to the opening of the public schools in October, provided that certain precautions were taken, the school board has decided upon an indefinite postponement of the original date, which was Sept. 25. If there is a steady improvement from this time forward a special meeting of the board will be held between Sept. 25 and Oct. 1, to fix a time for the opening. Hundreds of school children are scattered all over the country and will not be returned here until the fever is practically wiped out.

While the death rate remains so low, the federal and local authorities will continue to believe that the situation here is steadily improving, in spite of the slight jump in new cases yesterday. In several instances lately deaths have been due to rather neglect than to inattention, demonstrating that the fever is now appearing in a form so mild that it responds readily to fairly decent treatment. Every day evidence comes of increasing faith in the country in the mosquito theory. The success of the fight here has amazed many of the rural communities, whom experience in the past had taught that yellow fever was uncontrollable once it got a firm hold, as it did this year early in the summer. An instance of the good impression made by Dr. White's work is shown in the action of the town council of Amite City, La., which now announces that it will receive all kinds of fruit and vegetables from New Orleans except bananas and cabbage.

Greenville, Miss., on the other hand is an instance of the other extreme in quarantine. Because there has been an inconsequential spread of the infection in that state, the Greenville health officer has announced that nobody now outside of the county will be allowed to enter after Sunday and that unless there is a remarkable improvement in conditions, rigid regulations will be continued until frost comes.

Summit, Miss., which was very strict at the beginning of the fever has now taken a liberal attitude and removed the quarantine against certain products

provided it is certified by the Marine Hospital Service. From Minden, La., Health Officer Vance wired Superintendent Ford, of the Vicksburg Shreveport and Pacific road, to screen all cars entering the parish. It is indicated in the reply that rather than screen the train will not enter the parish.

As an indication of their faith in the belief that this is the last visitation of yellow fever, New Orleans will have the directors of the recently merged canal and Louisiana banks are about to announce the erection of a modern ten story bank and office building at the corner of Camp and Gravier streets. The present Canal and Provident bank buildings will be torn down for the purpose.

Situation at Pensacola.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 11.—A special to the Daily Item from Pensacola, Fla. says:

Seventeen cases and three deaths was the resume of fever situation up to noon today. This takes in the entire time of presence of fever in Pensacola. R. O. Winters, former soldier and Will Fisher, policeman, both died from the fever last night. Fisher's funeral occurred this morning, friends attended, with Chief Scand and several officers. Winters body was interred two hours after his death. Mayor Bliss this morning made official statement that no new cases have developed since last evening at 6 o'clock.

A number of suspicious cases have been reported.

The work of fumigation is general today.

The cordon around the isolated territory was lifted somewhat this morning upon orders issued by Dr. Porter. Heads of families and wage-earners are permitted to go outside of the lines to assume their positions.

The district quarantined more than two weeks is almost deserted.

CLUNG TO HER DEAD BABE.

Infant Died on Train but Mother Kept It a Secret.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Stockton, Cal., says:

With the body of her 19-months-old baby clasped in her arms as though it were a living child, Mrs. Abraham Coulter, covered the journey from Reno, Nev., to Carters, Tuolumne county, this state, keeping back the tears as best she could and sharing with no one the fact that her child had died on the train.

Mrs. Coulter feared that if the conductor of the train on which she was coming west from her old home in Wisconsin, should learn of the little one's death, he would take the corpse from her. Accordingly, she resolved to tell no one the facts, and took care of her other two children who with her, while holding the tiny corpse.

She arrived at Carters yesterday, where her husband, who had gone there several months ago from Wisconsin, had made a home for her.

Railroad's Earnings Show Increase.

Denver, Sept. 11.—The nineteenth annual report of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad company shows the total earnings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, to have been \$17,031,507, an increase of \$585,073 over last year. The expenses for the year amounted to \$10,168,900 making the net earnings \$6,862,546. In the report of President E. T. Jeffrey, it is officially announced that the control of the new Western Pacific has been placed in the hands of the Denver and Rio Grande, and that the new railroad will be a part of the system which has its general offices in Denver. It has been generally known for some time that the Western Pacific was owned by the Gould interests, but this is the first official announcement of the fact.

Army Worm Attacks Cotton.

Newbern, N. C., Sept. 11.—The army worm appeared in Craven county, N. C., ten days ago and the pest has already destroyed \$25,000 worth of cotton in the fields being completely stripped. The pest is spreading and numbers of farmers will lose almost their entire crop. Spraying has been started.

GRAIN ELEVATOR IS BURNED TO GROUND

Chicago Firemen Were to Extinguish the Flames.

LARGE LOT OF GRAIN DESTROYED

845,000 Bushels of Wheat, Valued at \$750,000, Eaten Up by Flames—Lumber Yards Caught on Fire but Were Soon Put Out.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—The Santa Fe elevator, containing 845,000 bushels of grain was destroyed by fire here today. Losses estimated at \$750,000.

The building, located at Twenty-seventh and Wood street, was a 5-story frame structure. The fire is thought to have been started by spontaneous combustion in a wheat bin on the top story. An explosion was heard by several workmen who have hurried to that floor. The firemen experienced considerable difficulty in reaching the fire, and in obtaining water, although 20 engines and two fire tugs were at the scene. The nearest water plug to the fire was more than 200 feet away, while others were almost 400 yards from the building.

The elevator is controlled by Harris, Scotton company, grain brokers, and was valued at \$300,000.

Forty or more grain cars were standing on a side track near the building, when the fire started. Engines were called and these were removed under heavy risk by the train crews. None of the cars burned.

Within 15 minutes after the fire had been discovered, the entire building was a mass of flames. The heat was intense and the firemen were forced back from the building. An hour after the fire the floors of the building collapsed, and later the sides of the building gave way.

Hundreds of bushels of grain flowed into the river from the north side of the building.

The elevator contained about 845,000 bushels of grain, of which about half was oats.

The fire was one of the most spectacular that has occurred in years.

Large embers were carried across the river to the north and fell among the lumberpiles in the yard of John Spry Lumber company, Hines Lumber company, and the Side Side Lumber company.

To prevent a repetition of the lumber yard fire of 1891, five engine companies were sent to the lumber yards to extinguish several small fires which had been started by the flying embers from the burning elevator. The elevator was 400 feet wide and 175 feet long. It contained 60 bins. It was located on the banks of the South branch of the river in a maze of railroad tracks and docks.

Awful Devastation in Caucasasia.

Tiflis, Caucasasia, Sept. 11.—The Armenian bishop of Shusha has sent a message to the authorities here saying that the devastation and resultant misery at Shusha is appalling. The fighting between the Tartars and Armenians continued uninterruptedly for five days and hundreds of killed and wounded are lying in the streets. The bishop after added that the greater part of the town is now charred ruins; that the buildings destroyed include the government offices, churches, schools and shops. He urgently appeals for food, funds and other necessities for the starving and homeless thousands.

Cholera on the Wane.

Hamburg, Sept. 11.—Dr. McLaughlin, of the United States marine hospital service, says the preventive agencies here, "have cholera by the throat," to use his expression, and "that there is scarcely one chance in a thousand of an epidemic." Three days have now passed without another case, and if Monday passes without one, it may be assumed that the cholera here has ceased to be sporadic. Instances may still occur from importations from Persia or Russia, but they can be dealt with successfully as were those already treated.

EARTHQUAKE WROUGHT HAVOC People of Towns Are Destitute and There Is Much Suffering.

Nocera, Italy, Sept. 11.—Signor Ferrarini, the minister of public works, arrived here today by special train Monteleone.

Trains coming from Calabria are delayed. The Naples express was five hours behind time. The railway lines in Calabria are much damaged, making it necessary for trains to proceed slowly after an inspection of the route. Travellers arriving here from Calabria are profoundly impressed with the disaster. The depot at Parghella is completely destroyed.

The travelers recount seeing villages reduced to ruins and men and women half clothed weeping and seeking to find a place to bury the bodies of their relatives. All the depots from San Giovanni to Santa Eufemia are invaded by the populace demanding succor. The spectacle is terrifying.

Preparing to Send Help.

Rome, Sept. 11.—A meeting of the cabinet ministers probably will be held tomorrow to consider measures for the relief of the sufferers from yesterday's earthquake in Calabria. King Victor Emmanuel has given \$20,000 for the relief of the families of the victims. At Messina, the walls of many houses and churches were cracked by the earthquake and otherwise were more or less seriously damaged.

STOLE \$15,000 WORTH OF JEWELS

Was Employed as a Scrubwoman for Wealthy Pawnbroker.

New York, Sept. 11.—While employed as a scrubwoman Mary Deonna, an aged widow, is accused of having acquired in the last month jewelry valued at \$15,000 from a large pawn shop in Brooklyn. Her nephew, 20 years of age, is alleged to have been used in disposing of the plunder.

Both were arrested last night, the police stating that they have confessed and that about one-third of the property has been recovered. A pawn broker through whom the nephew disposed of considerable jewelry, also is under arrest.

So secretly was the work conducted that discovery was only by accident. About a week ago a patron of the pawnshop applied for redemption of a diamond ring valued at \$350, which he had pawned for \$200. When the manager endeavored to find the ring it was missing. Subsequent investigation disclosed the heavy loss noted.

German Cruiser Goes on Rocks.

Singapore, Straits Settlements, Sept. 11.—The German protected cruiser Sea Adler, which left this port yesterday for German East Africa in view of the rebellion there, struck the submerged Kent rocks, 12 miles from here and remains stranded there in a bad position. All the efforts made to haul her off have proved unsuccessful. The Sea Adler is of 1,140 tons displacement and 2,700 indicated horse power, giving her a speed of about 16 knots. Her armament consists of eight 4.1 inch quick firing guns and a number of smaller rapid fire guns. Her engines, boilers and deck are protected by one to three inches of steel. The Sea Adler was built at Hamburg and was launched in 1892.

Births Decrease in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburg, Sept. 11.—A table of the births and deaths in Pittsburgh during the past 14 years, prepared by City Physician Dr. B. A. Booth, for the bureau of health, shows a startling decrease in the number of births notwithstanding an increase of the population. In 1891 there were 7,067 births, the rate per thousand being 28.61. In the same year there were 5,832 deaths, the rate per thousand between 23.61.

Taft and Party at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Sept. 11.—The United States transport Logan with Secretary Taft and party on board have arrived today. All the American travelers went ashore, but there was no official reception. The secretary was interviewed on the Japanese situation, but was non-committal. The Logan will leave here at 7 o'clock this morning. All are well on board.

FORTY KILLED BY POWDER EXPLOSION

Five Buildings Are Reported to Be Entirely Destroyed.

SIX BODIES ARE RECOVERED

A Passenger Train Was Passing the Buildings at the Time of Explosion and Was Jarred So That Every Window Was Broken.

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 11.—Rand powder works, 6 miles from Uniontown, Pa., blew up at 6 o'clock this morning. There were 50 men employed at the works, and it is believed many have been killed. All the telephone and telegraph wires have been destroyed and communication interrupted.

It was stated in a telephone message to Fair Chance that the explosion would probably be between twenty and thirty. The Rand powder company had five separate buildings and employed about 45 people. About five buildings are said to have been destroyed.

Six bodies have been taken from the ruins already. There were no explosions.

Among the six bodies recovered was that of Mr. Rand, manager of the plant.

There are said to be from fifty to forty bodies still in the ruins.

It is said that the explosion occurred in a car of powder and spread to the buildings of the plant. One of the odd features of the affair is that a passenger train No. 52, on the Uniontown and Ohio northbound track, was passing the scene at the time the explosion occurred. The train was jarred tremendously and every window was broken.

A number of the passengers were cut by the showers of glass which fell about them, but nobody was killed on this train, but it is said that some were very seriously hurt.

The concussion was like an earthquake to the country around and in the surrounding towns great excitement which was heightened by the fact that communication on the trolley line was broken several miles from here. It was said that Manager Rand was killed, but was seriously hurt.

The first thing he did after being carried to a telephone so that he could talk to his wife in Uniontown, he knew she would be the first to tell of the explosion and believed that his wife's voice would be the first to reach him.

The search for the bodies is being made slowly, and it will be some time before anything like a correct estimate of the casualties can be made.

General Manager Rand was taken to Uniontown at 11:30 and remained at his home.

Big Reunion for Old Veterans.

Loganville, Ga., Sept. 11.—There will be a reunion of old veterans of Loganville, Ga., Friday the 22nd of September, 1905. The surviving members of the Thirty-fifth Georgia Regiment are especially invited to attend to reorganize their old organization. It is expected that all the veterans and sons of veterans, with their wives and friends, who live in the reach of Loganville, will be present with well filled baskets. A good time is anticipated, good music and dancing will be the order of the day.

Rawlings' Motion for New Trial.

Thomasville, Ga., Sept. 11.—Motion for a new trial in the case of J. G. Rawlings and his sons, M. J. Jesse and Leonard, will be argued at the Thomasville court house before Superior Court Judge Robert G. Hill, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Attorney John R. Cooper has argued from Macon and Solicitor Thomas Hill be here at midnight. Cooper is well up on a hard fight and has a long list of reasons why the new trial should be granted. There is great interest here in the case.